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Subject: FW: Draft for consideration of statement re: Hoosick Falls

Hi Mary – Linda's out today so I'm filling in. Thanks for putting together a draft statement. See edits from Jim Jones and Wendy Cleland-Hamnett below.

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From: Mears, Mary

Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 5:19 PM **To:** Strauss, Linda < Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>

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Hi Linda.

Hope you are well and Happy New Year!

You may know that EPA Region 2 has been very involved in recent months in an issue involving PFOA contaminating a public water supply in Hoosick Falls, NY. Judith Enck spoke with Jim Jones yesterday and learned that a letter was sent to HQ in December 2014 from a company that could be a source of PFOA in the Hoosick area about what it knew about PFOA levels in drinking water wells. Apparently, the letter (attached for your reference) was sent to our TSCA CBI mailbox.

EPA Region 2 has been very involved in the Hoosick Falls PFOA drinking water issue in recent months, and Judith is attending a public meeting next *Thursday, January 14* about the drinking water contamination. Jim Jones told Judith that he would ask someone in his office to work on a statement we could use in case we are specifically asked about the Dec 14 letter sent to EPA HQ. I have drafted the statement below thinking it might be helpful for you. Jim said any statement your office drafted would be shared with Judith and others in Region 2, so if you could share whatever you draft up with everyone cc;ed here that would be terrific. I am out tomorrow, but I always check in some and I believe everyone else is in.

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